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August 8—CHAUTAUQUA—August 14

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Lucius Hollenbeck was in Flint Saturday on business.

James Campbell was in Wheeler on business Saturday.

E. M. Wood went to Reed City Saturday on business.

Mrs. A. S. McIntyre of St. Louis was in the city Saturday.

Mrs. A. Barker of St. Louis visited in Alma Friday and Saturday.

H. M. Page made a business trip to Merrill Saturday and return.

Circus day passed in Alma without a single arrest for any cause.

J. D. Throop of Ferris Centre was an Alma business visitor Saturday.

The little son of Mrs. C. S. Porterfield of 502 River street, is seriously ill.

William Smith of St. Louis spent Saturday morning in Alma on business.

Mrs. J. L. Carmer left Saturday for a week's visit with friends around the state.

Clare Henry and Mr. Singer of Hillsdale visited Alma friends last week.

Mrs. John Converse entertained Mrs. Shepherd of St. Louis Friday and Saturday.

Frank Hurst returned to Detroit Saturday after a two weeks' visit in Alma.

Miss Gaila Follette spent Sunday in Merrill as the guest of Miss Bernice Sweet.

Miss Melba and Mark Spinney left Saturday morning for Evart to visit their aunt.

Francis King is in Iron Mountain visiting as the guest of his sister, Mrs. Bentley.

Romaine Clark of St. Louis and O. L. Smith of Ithaca, candidates for prosecuting attorney, were in Alma on business Friday.

Miss Melinda Udell of near Ithaca spent Friday evening at the home of Miss Alberta Dunham.

Mark Beldon Shannon, traveling vaudeville comedian, spent last week in this city with friends.

Frank Aukney entertained his father-in-law, Mr. Church and wife of Saginaw over the week-end.

Thomas Weeks has sold his interest in his Florida orange grove and is arranging to settle in Alma.

Ford Gargott and Leo Wood returned to Alma Friday from a two weeks' business trip to Illinois.

Miss Agnes Hudson of Riverdale returned today from a week's visit with her brother, Lewis and family.

Alma defeated Ithaca in an exhibition game of baseball at Ithaca Thursday afternoon by a score of 7 and 3.

Mr. and Mrs. John Spinney are spending a week with friends and relatives in Grand Rapids and Chicago.

Miss Star Smith of Ionia spent the week-end in the city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Smith and family.

G. B. PORTER REGISTERED OPTOMETRIST



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Mrs. P. H. Baker spent Monday in St. Louis.

Earl Stafford of Cadillac was an Alma visitor Sunday.

Mrs. E. Bancroft of Ithaca was an Alma caller Monday.

Miss Leontine Messinger returned to Bay City Monday.

John Freed of Elwell was in Alma on business Monday.

Keith Kirby of Ashley spent Monday in Alma with friends.

Stiles Kennedy of St. Louis was in the city on business Monday.

Mrs. A. H. Soule went to Flint Monday to visit with her daughter.

A party of about thirty-five Alma people spent Sunday at Bass Lake.

A special inducement to all watch buyers during J. P. Losey's sale.

Perry Banghart and wife are spending a couple of weeks at Crystal Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Fraker spent the week with friends in Livingston county.

The Cuban Stars played with the Alma team at Davis Field last Tuesday.

Mrs. Jane Hill of St. Louis spent Friday and Saturday at Frank Bennett's.

George Maier, Verne Rogers and Reed Stimpson were Saginaw visitors Sunday.

Albert and Ed. Maier of Lansing were Sunday guests of their brother, George Maier.

Don't forget J. P. Losey's sale if you are thinking of anything in jewelry, silverware, etc.

Marshall Allen, Will Bittner, Walter Vogt and Barney Borsmuth spent Sunday in Crystal.

The sidetrack to the Libby, McNeil & Libby buildings is laid and is now ready for the ballast.

Glenn Campbell and Lyle Follett expect to spend next week at Houghton Lake fishing and camping.

Frank Whittington of East Jordan, a student at Alma College last year, lost his automobile and garage by fire one night last week.

A card received at this office from Mr. and Mrs. George Emsley orders their Record sent to 120 Chestnut avenue, Long Beach, Cal.

Will Amsbury, A. A. Chick and Channing Parsons returned Thursday from a fishing trip at Blue and Evans Lakes in Mecosta county.

Jotham Allen spent Tuesday in Lansing.

Elwin Follett is spending the week at Bass Lake.

Extra Smith spent Tuesday forenoon in Owosso.

John Sullivan and H. Bamsill were in Ithaca Tuesday.

Miss Celia Cresser is the guest of her grand parents at Lowell.

Miss Lois Fraker was the guest of friends in Charlotte last week.

Miss Emma Peer of Lorenci called on Mrs. A. B. Scattergood Saturday.

A good 8-day \$3.50 clock now for \$2.62 at J. P. Losey's One-Fourth Off Sale.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Brown spent Sunday enjoying the beauties of Crystal Lake.

Ed. Johnson, Alger Wood, Ford Gargott and Henry Wenzel spent Sunday at Crystal Lake.

The Misses Mina Montigel and Gaila Follett spent Sunday at Merrill, the guests of Miss Bernice Sweet.

John Gaffney went to Detroit Monday morning to spend a short vacation with his aunt in that city.

Mrs. Francis King entertained a number of friends at her home on Orchard street last Tuesday evening.

It is reported that the invasion of the army worm will be followed by a similar invasion of the grasshoppers.

Union services will be held next Sunday evening at the Presbyterian church. Rev. Clapp will preach the sermon.

E. H. Weese spent Saturday in Mt. Pleasant on business with C. Carnahan, manager of the Vaudeville theater in that city.

Mrs. E. T. Lamb is entertaining Mrs. C. J. Moore of Los Angeles, California and Mrs. H. McCarty of Petersburg, Mich.

James Klein spent the first of the week in Coleman with Miss Delia Corey and will go from there to Bay City to visit.

Rev. Ernest Burt of Remus came to Alma Monday and held meetings at the Latter Day Saints' church Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Ex-Governor Chase S. Osborn was entertained at the home of President and Mrs. Thomas C. Blaisdell Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Montigel and son, Kenneth, and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Brown were among those who spent Sunday afternoon at Crystal Lake.

Miss Elizabeth Soya, who has been employed at Brown's Bazaar, has accepted a position in C. H. Smith's Bake Shop. George Henry, whose place Miss Soya has taken, will have charge of the bread delivery wagon.

The annual chicken pie supper of the M. E. Ladies' Aid society will be held in the parlors of the church Friday evening, July 31st. The doors will be open at five o'clock and will remain open until all are served. The price of the supper will be twenty-five cents.

A peculiar occurrence caused a loss of several dollars to Luchini Bros. Thursday when a bottle of ginger ale exploded and knocked down a large bottle of grape juice from a glass shelf and broke more than a dozen ice cream dishes and several bottles of grape juice. A few minutes after another bottle of ale exploded but did not do any damage.

The Western Union Telegraph and Cable Company have dissolved partnership with the Bell Telephone Company. The local telegraph office, which is now located in the waiting room of the Bell office, will be moved to the Wright House and be installed in the hall running east and west, which is at present used as a correspondence room for hotel guests.

The electrical storms of the 13th instant played havoc with the city and toll lines of the Bell Telephone Company. The lines were out in the east end of town for three days and on the toll lines north of Alma and toward Mt. Pleasant ten poles were split from top to bottom and the lines laid low. Three expert cable men were sent out from Detroit to repair the lines.

Dr. McNabb has sold his pacer, Alma Girl to Mr. Flack, a young millionaire of Indianapolis, who saw Alma Girl at the Toledo races last week and took a fancy to her. The mare sold for \$1500, and the owner took another horse, Angeline S., in part payment. Angeline S. is seven years old and has run some fast races. The day following the sale of Alma Girl she landed a purse of \$500 at the Toledo races, winning a first, second, first and first in the Shortstart races at Toledo Thursday and Friday. Time—2:12 1-4; 2:13 1-4; 2:15 1-4; 2:15 1-4.

Guy Levitt made a business trip to Hemlock Monday.

James Merrill of St. Louis was in Alma on business Monday.

Severn Bellows of Stanton was a week-end guest of Alma friends.

Miss Bertha Orwig returned Monday from a week's visit in Grand Rapids.

John A. Damon of Mt. Pleasant, republican candidate for State Senator, was in Alma Tuesday.

State Highway Commissioner Frank Rogers of Lansing was a caller at the Record office last Saturday.

Harry Miller of the Miller Saw Trimmer Co., of Pittsburg, was in Alma Saturday and Sunday.

The Civic Improvement League will hold their regular monthly meeting in the Fire Reading Room, Friday afternoon, Aug. 7th, at three o'clock.

A number of people were entertained at the home of Mrs. Francis King Tuesday evening. Music and dancing made a delightful entertainment. Light refreshments were served.

Mr. Albert Maier, a student at M. A. C., and Mr. Edward Maier, who is cashier of the State Savings Bank at Lansing, visited their brother, George, of this city over Sunday.

Announcements have been issued announcing the marriage of Mr. Leslie E. Woodard and Miss Lura A. Dyer, who will be at home to their friends at Ferris, Mich., after August first.

The next regular meeting of the Gratiot County Medical Association will be held at the Wright House in Alma Tuesday August 4 at 2 p. m. An interesting program has been prepared for the meeting.

J. P. Losey's Thirteenth Annual Clearance Sale, August 1st to 20th. One-Fourth Off on all goods, except watches. If you have wanted anything or will need something soon, buy it now.

Rev. William Mason went with fourteen boys to Bass Lake to camp for a week. Ten of the boys are members of Mr. Arden Johnson's Sunday school class at the Presbyterian church. The party will return next Monday evening. A Republic truck took boats, beds and bedding while the boys went via P. M. R. R.

Mrs. M. A. Perrigo, mother of Mrs. A. L. Richards of St. Louis and Mrs. H. M. Bradner of this city, died Monday, July 27, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Richards. Mrs. Perrigo was born in Niagara county, New York in 1829 and came to Gratiot county some time since to spend her declining years with her daughter. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon. Burial at Riverside cemetery.

Sunday evening a foreigner tied his horse by the reins to the front wheel of the buggy to which it was hitched and left it standing in front of Converse's Jewelry store. The horse started to go forward and the reins tightened and drew its head down and turned it toward the sidewalk. The horse then became frightened and started down the sidewalk breaking both lines, but was halted before any damage was done.

An exceedingly unique root-growth was discovered by the Michigan Arboriculture men while working on Mrs. A. W. Wright's shade trees at the corner of Downey and State streets last week. One large stalwart maple tree standing in the northeast corner of the front lawn near the sidewalk was noticed to lose strength and apparently dying. No one was able to offer any plausible reason until the experts from M. A. C. went to work and found one of its roots had wound itself around the trunk of the tree about a foot underground and was choking the tree and stopping its outward growth. When unearthed the root was buried in the tree several inches and was slowly and surely claiming the life of the tree.

Mr. O. L. Smith, who is a candidate for the nomination next August on the Republican ticket for the office of prosecuting attorney, was born in Union City, Branch county, October 8, 1879. At the age of ten years he was left an orphan. He graduated from the Union City High school in 1900 and entered the University of Michigan in the same year. In order to complete his finances the next few years were spent teaching school in various Michigan and Indiana towns. In 1910 he was enabled to return to his studies at the University of Michigan, entering the law school from which he graduated in June, 1913, immediately following which he came to Gratiot county, forming a partnership with George Stone at Ithaca. Mr. Smith's family consists of his wife and three boys.



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The W. R. C. Thimble Club will meet in the city park Tuesday afternoon August 4. Pot luck Supper.

The W. R. C. will hold a baked goods sale Saturday afternoon August first at the store of G. V. Wright.

Barney Borsmuth left Alma Tuesday morning to drive a Republic truck to Jacksonville, Florida to deliver it to a firm there.

Practically all of the stores of the city will be closed after six o'clock every evening with the exception of Saturday, during Chautauqua Week. The merchants have heartily cooperated with the ladies of the Civic League who have the ticket sale in charge.

UNITED BRETHREN.

Regular services next Sunday morning. The pastor will be present. We try to make the services helpful to everyone, and all are welcome.
E. C. CLAPP, Pastor.

DETROIT EXCURSION SUNDAY, AUG. 2ND.

Special train will leave Alma at 6:42 a. m. over Ann Arbor Railroad. Returning will leave Detroit, Michigan Central Station 6:30 p. m. Round trip fare, \$1.50.

BASE BALL! Detroit vs. New York.
No. 15—1846t

NORTHERN MICHIGAN EXCURSION.

The Ann Arbor Railroad will give a 15-day excursion to Frankfort, Beulah (Crystal Lake) Traverse City and Manistee August 8th.

Special train will leave Alma at 12:10 a. m. Round trip fare, \$3.50.
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Gas To Be Turned On About August 10!

TO THE GRATIOT COUNTY GAS COMPANY:

I hereby petition your company to supply me with gas at the earliest opportunity, in CONSIDERATION WHEREOF I hereby promise to immediately begin the use of gas for fuel or illuminating purposes upon such installation.

Gas will be turned on in Alma about August 10. We have started a force of men laying services, and in the near future a representative of the Gas Company will call on all signers of the above agreement to ascertain where the service pipe is to enter the house.

The Gas Company will do all digging and piping at cost price (10 cents per foot) from the consumer's property line and will furnish all connections such as service cocks, meters, governors, etc., free of charge.

In addition to the above a beautiful \$2.50 Welsbach Gas Light will be given free with every gas range costing \$12.50 or more.

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